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Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Man Arrested for Alleged Indecent Exposures on W&OD Trail
- First responders test emerging technologies during DHS S&T's 2022 Urban OpEx event
- Federal Judge Blocks Arizona Law Restricting How Public Can Film Police
- Drug dealers targeting children with candy-colored fentanyl pills, DEA says
- Norfolk City leaders once again reassess crime prevention plan amid recent violence
- Officials determine cause of Hanover barn fire that killed 9 horses
- Roanoke organizations receive over half a million in funding to curb gun violence
- DHS chief warns of "emerging threat of the domestic violent extremist"
- Virginia State Police investigating shooting, incidents on I-81
- Shortage of new police cars has some Virginia departments concerned
- More than 20 people displaced following apartment fire in Washington County, Virginia

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Resource | Suicide Prevention Resource Center

First Responders - Suicide Prevention Resource Center

First responders, including emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and firefighters, can assist individuals in a suicidal crisis, as well as those who may be affected by a suicide death or attempt. First response agencies also have a role to play in assisting their own staff, who may experience increased risk of suicide as a result of exposure to traumatic emergencies.

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Reducing Work-Related Needlestick and Other Sharps Injuries Among Law Enforcement Officers

Police officers are routinely exposed to the risk of puncture wounds from needlesticks and other sharp objects, particularly when conducting searches as part of traffic stops, investigations, or arresting a subject.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) investigated needlestick injuries in a police department in Ohio and published the results in a [2017 case study](#). The case study found that most needlestick injuries occurred during pat-down searches and searches of a suspect's property or vehicle.

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